

Clinton Names Panel To Check Kennedy File

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (Reuters) — President Clinton has named four members of a commission set up by Congress to review Government documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy and still being withheld by Federal agencies.

A 1992 law called for the release of virtually all documents in Government hands relating to the killing but set up a panel called the Assassinations Review Board to determine what should be withheld from the public.

The law provided for specific exemptions, mainly to protect confidential intelligence sources and methods, and set up the panel to review requests for exemption from the disclosure requirements.

The law said the panel should have five members, all appointed by the President. The White House did not say why only four individuals were named.

Those named on Friday were William Joyce, a Princeton University librarian; Kermit Hall, dean of the University of Tulsa; Anna Kasten Nelson, a history professor at American University in Washington, and John Tunheim, Minnesota's Chief Deputy Attorney General.

The law called for the panel to be named by Jan. 25, just five days after Mr. Clinton took office.

About one million pages of assassination-related material were made public by the National Archives on Aug. 23, but hundreds of thousands of additional pages have been withheld.

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